

4VAC15-20-65. Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing License and Permit Fees.

In accordance with the authority of the board under subdivision 16 of § 29.1-103 of the Code of Virginia, the following fees are established for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits:

Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt	
Type license	Fee
1-year Resident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$22.00
2-year Resident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$43.00
3-year Resident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$64.00
4-year Resident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$85.00
County or City Resident License to Hunt in County or City of Residence Only, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$15.00
Resident Senior Citizen Annual License to Hunt, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$8.00
Resident Junior License to Hunt, for licensees 12 through 15 years of age, optional for licensees under 12 years of age	\$7.50
Resident Youth Combination License to Hunt, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season, and to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$15.00
Resident Sportsman License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season, to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, to fish in designated stocked trout waters (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish)	\$132.00 <u>\$109.00</u>
<u>Resident Hunting License for Partially Disabled Veterans</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
<u>Resident Infant Lifetime License to Hunt</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>
Resident Junior Lifetime License to Hunt, for licensees under 12 years of age at the time of purchase	\$255.00 <u>\$260.00</u>
Resident Lifetime License to Hunt, for licensees at the time of purchase:	
through 44 years of age	\$260.00 <u>\$265.00</u>
45 through 50 years of age	\$210.00 <u>\$215.00</u>

51 through 55 years of age	\$160.00 <u>\$165.00</u>
56 through 60 years of age	\$110.00 <u>\$115.00</u>
61 through 64 years of age	\$60.00 <u>\$65.00</u>
65 years of age and over	\$20.00 <u>\$25.00</u>
Resident Hunting License for Partially Disabled Veterans	\$11.00
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Hunt	\$15.00
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Hunt or Freshwater Fish (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish)	no fee
Virginia Resident Licenses for Additional Hunting Privileges	
Type license or permit	Fee
Resident Deer and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$22.00
Resident Junior Deer and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$7.50
Resident Archery License to Hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season	\$17.00
Resident Bear Hunting License	\$20.00
Resident Muzzleloading License to Hunt during muzzleloading hunting season	\$17.00
Resident Bonus Deer Permit	\$17.00
Resident Fox Hunting License to hunt foxes on horseback with hounds without firearms (not required of an individual holding a general License to Hunt)	\$22.00
Virginia Nonresident Licenses to Hunt	
Type license	Fee
Nonresident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$110.00
Nonresident Three-Day Trip License to Hunt	\$59.00
Nonresident Youth License to Hunt, for licensees:	
under 12 years of age	\$12.00

12 through 15 years of age	\$15.00
Nonresident Youth Combination License to Hunt, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season, and to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$30.00
Nonresident Annual Hunting License for Partially Disabled Veterans	\$55.00
Nonresident Annual Hunting License for Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans	\$27.50
<u>Nonresident Infant Lifetime License to Hunt</u>	<u>\$275.00</u>
Nonresident Lifetime License to Hunt	\$555.00 <u>\$580.00</u>
Virginia Nonresident Licenses for Additional Hunting Privileges	
Type license or permit	Fee
Nonresident Deer and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees:	
16 years of age or older	\$85.00
12 through 15 years of age	\$15.00
under 12 years of age	\$12.00
Nonresident Bear Hunting License	\$150.00
Nonresident Archery License to Hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season	\$30.00
Nonresident Muzzleloading License to Hunt during muzzleloading hunting season	\$30.00
Nonresident Shooting Preserve License to Hunt within the boundaries of a licensed shooting preserve	\$22.00
Nonresident Bonus Deer Permit	\$30.00
Nonresident Fox Hunting License to hunt foxes on horseback with hounds without firearms (not required of an individual holding a general License to Hunt)	\$110.00
Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Hunt	
Type license or permit	Fee
Waterfowl Hunting Stationary Blind in Public Waters License	\$22.50

Waterfowl Hunting Floating Blind in Public Waters License	\$40.00
Foxhound Training Preserve License	\$17.00
Public Access Lands for Sportsmen Permit to Hunt, Trap, or Fish on Designated Lands (also listed under Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Fish)	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
Virginia Resident and Nonresident Licenses to Trap	
Type license	Fee
1-year Resident License to Trap, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$45.00
2-year Resident License to Trap, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$89.00
3-year Resident License to Trap, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$133.00
4-year Resident License to Trap, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$177.00
County or City Resident License to Trap in County or City of Residence Only	\$20.00
Resident Junior License to Trap, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$10.00
Resident Senior Citizen License to Trap, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$8.00
Resident Senior Citizen Lifetime License to Trap, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$20.00 <u>\$25.00</u>
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Trap	\$15.00
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Trap	\$15.00
Nonresident License to Trap	\$205.00

Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish	
Type license	Fee
1-year Resident License to Freshwater Fish	\$22.00
2-year Resident License to Freshwater Fish	\$43.00
3-year Resident License to Freshwater Fish	\$64.00
4-year Resident License to Freshwater Fish	\$85.00
County or City Resident License to Freshwater Fish in County or City of Residence Only	\$15.00
Resident License to Freshwater Fish, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$8.00
Resident License to Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$22.00

Resident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish	\$38.50
Resident License to Freshwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$13.00
Resident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$23.00
Resident Sportsman License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with archery equipment during archery hunting season, to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, to fish in designated stocked trout waters (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt)	\$132.00 <u>\$109</u>
<u>Resident Fishing License for Partially Disabled Veterans</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
<u>Resident Infant Lifetime License to Fish</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>
Resident Special Lifetime License to Freshwater Fish, for licensees at the time of purchase:	
through 44 years of age	\$260.00 <u>\$265.00</u>
45 through 50 years of age	\$210.00 <u>\$215.00</u>
51 through 55 years of age	\$160.00 <u>\$165.00</u>
56 through 60 years of age	\$110.00 <u>\$115.00</u>
61 through 64 years of age	\$60.00 <u>\$65.00</u>
65 years of age and over	\$20.00 <u>\$25.00</u>
Resident Special Lifetime License to Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters, for licensees at the time of purchase:	
through 44 years of age	\$260.00 <u>\$265.00</u>
45 through 50 years of age	\$210.00 <u>\$215.00</u>
51 through 55 years of age	\$160.00 <u>\$165.00</u>
56 through 60 years of age	\$110.00 <u>\$115.00</u>
61 through 64 years of age	\$60.00 <u>\$65.00</u>
65 years of age and over	\$20.00 <u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Resident Fishing License for Partially Disabled Veterans</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Freshwater Fish	\$15.00

Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt)	no fee
Virginia Nonresident Licenses to Fish	
Type license	Fee
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish	\$46.00
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$46.00
Nonresident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish	\$70.00
Nonresident Fishing License for Partially Disabled Veterans	\$23.00
Nonresident Annual Fishing License for Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans	\$11.50
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish for One Day	\$7.00
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$20.00
Nonresident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$30.00
<u>Nonresident Infant Lifetime License to Fish</u>	<u>\$275.00</u>
Nonresident Special Lifetime License to Freshwater Fish	\$555.00 <u>\$580.00</u>
Nonresident Special Lifetime License to in Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$555.00 <u>\$580.00</u>
Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Fish	
Type license or permit	Fee
Permit to Fish for One Day at Board-Designated Stocked Trout Fishing Areas with Daily Use Fees	\$7.00
Public Access Lands for Sportsmen Permit to Hunt, Trap, or Fish on Designated Lands (also listed under Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Hunt)	\$17.00
Special Guest Fishing License	\$60.00

Statutory Authority

§§ 29.1-103 and 29.1-501 of the Code of Virginia.

Staff Rationale:

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) is the primary state agency charged with the management of inland fisheries and wildlife and providing educational and recreational opportunities to enjoy Virginia's natural resources through hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. As a "special funded" agency, more than two-thirds of the Department's budget depends on hunters, trappers, and anglers buying licenses and permits. Because of this, the Department must occasionally consider license fees and strategies to account for declines in hunting and fishing participation as well as Federal Aid rules governing the long-term value of lifetime licenses. DGIF must also balance this with the harsh reality that personnel-related costs, at generally the same workforce levels, have increased dramatically over the past five years. DGIF has had to accept a 20% decline in operational support budgets to try and account for increasing these personnel related increases. Therefore, to continue providing hunting, trapping, and fishing opportunities and support services in a way that Virginians have come to enjoy, we are proposing two fee category adjustments.

1. As authorized by § 29.1-310.1, the DGIF Board shall establish the fee for the Sportsman's hunting and fishing license, which shall not exceed the total cost of purchasing each license separately. The Sportsman's License includes the annual hunting and fishing license, deer/turkey license, bear license, trout license, archery license, and muzzleloader license. Since this license was first offered in 2007, it has cost the maximum price, or "total cost of purchasing each license separately." Therefore, DGIF is proposing a discount (from \$132 to \$109) for the purchase of a Sportsman's License going forward. The Department hopes that this more attractive price will convince more Virginia residents to participate in hunting and fishing activities in the future.
2. As authorized by § 29.1-103, the DGIF Board may increase Lifetime License fees no more frequently than every three years and by no more than \$5 for Residents and \$50 for Nonresidents. In comparison to other southeastern states, Virginia ranks last in fees for lifetime licenses and is forced to compete with those other states for Federal funds, which are based in part on the number of lifetime licenses each state can count. Despite having the authority, DGIF has only increased these fees two other times over the 20 past years that lifetime licenses have been offered, with the last increase occurring in 2012. Therefore, DGIF is proposing to again slightly increase all Resident Lifetime (Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Trapping) Licenses by \$5 each, and all Nonresident Lifetime (Hunting, Fishing, Trout) Licenses by \$25 each. This proposal will help support our ongoing needs to properly value lifetime licenses for Federal Aid and will ease funding needs to promote hunting and fishing opportunities for all future generations. The Department hopes that this moderate increase will not discourage hunters and anglers from taking advantage of what is still a clear bargain, when compared to purchasing an annual license each year.